

Serial No. 10/603,031
Amendment dated February 9, 2005
Reply to Office action of January 12, 2005

Remarks

Amendment to the drawings

The drawings have been amended to include a reference number 35 for the member edges. Member edges were disclosed in the original Figure 3 but not identified by reference number. No new matter is introduced by the amendment. Entry of the amendment is solicited.

Substitute drawings are submitted herein. Entry of the substitute drawings is solicited.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to make reference to the member edges 35 shown in Figure 3. Member edges were disclosed in the original Figure 3 but not labeled by a reference number. Member edges are recited in claim 15.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 11-14 are cancelled herewith. Claims 15-19 are pending.

Objections to Claim 18

Claim 18 is objected to due to an informality. The absence of --to-- after "distal" on line 2.

Claim 18 is amended by inserting --to-- as recommended by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the objection to Claim 18 is respectfully requested.

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Rejection of Claims 15 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 because the wall member is claimed "being joined to the foot at the edge and also located between the edge and the mounting apertures.

Claim 15 is amended to comply with the § 112 by providing the wall member is located adjacent, rather than at the foot edge.

Claim 18 is rejected under § 112 because the meaning of "a member edge" is unclear.

The amendment to claim 18 clarifies that:

..." a foot edge distal to the wall member is in vertical alignment with one of said member edges."

The amendment removes the cited indefiniteness.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to remaining claims 15-19 respond to the objection and § 112 rejections set forth in the final rejection and place the claims in condition for allowance.

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The substitute drawings and amendments to the specification are consistent with the amendments to the claims and do not introduce new issues. Entry of the amendments and allowance of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendment to the Drawings

The amendment adds reference numbers 35 and lead lines
to Figure 3.

Substitute drawings are submitted with this amendment.